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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b)(3), the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed in the attached Form PTO-1449. A proof the listed reference is enclosed, and for the convenience of the Examiner, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following pages in particular: 13-14, 19-20, 24-25, 28, 33, 39-40, 57, 60, 62, and 64-65.

Applicant submits this reference, and the identified pages, so that the Patent and Trademark

Office may determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that
the listed reference be formally considered during the prosecution of this application, be made of
record herein, and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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